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NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified for the information and action of the public that in exercise of the power conferred under clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 79 of "The Sikkim Forests, Water courses and road Reserve (preservation and Protection) Act 1988", the Government imposes a ban on setting fire in the private and any type of lands from the month of January to the commencement of monsoons i.e till May end. This schedule is to be strictly followed every year by the public to overcome the problem of dry spell in winters which are causing massive fires in the forest and private areas.

If the burning is unavoidable special permission shall be obtained from the concerned Territorial DFO. Any person who contravenes will be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with a fine which may extend to twenty five thousand rupees or with both.

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